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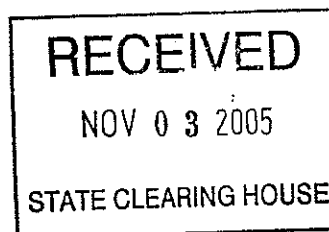
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RE: General Plan Annual Report

Dear Ms. Larson:

As required by California Planning Law, the planning agencies of local governments must provide an annual report to the legislative body on the status of the General Plan and the progress in its implementation, including the progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs.

In compliance with Section 65400(b) of the California Government Code, the attached report has been prepared to summarize the status of the City of Laguna Woods General Plan and the progress in its implementation since adoption in late 2002.

This report includes a general summary of General Plan amendments, key projects and programs, and specific comments on the implementation measure for each of the objectives and policies established in the General Plan.

If you have any questions about the report, please feel free to contact me at your convenience 949-639-0521 or lbarr@lagunawoodscity.org.

Sincerely,

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Attached: General Plan Annual Report

City of Laguna Woods

**General Plan Annual Report
2002-2005**

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1. Introduction

California Government Code Section 65300 requires that each city adopt a General Plan to guide the long-term physical development of the city. The General Plan includes descriptions of conditions existing at the time the General Plan was prepared within each of the seven General Plan components mandated for inclusion by State law: the Land Use Element; the Housing Element; the Circulation Element; the Open Space Element; the Conservation Element; the Safety Element; the Noise Element. Future physical development of the City, as well as the formulation of municipal programs and services needed to support such development, will be guided through Objectives, Policies, and Implementation Measures set forth in each of the General Plan Elements.

Adoption of the General Plan is particularly important for the City of Laguna Woods as a newly incorporated City. The General Plan allows the City to function as a distinct and unique community within Orange County and independent of the County of Orange development standards that shaped the community from inception until incorporation in 1999.

Primary among objectives of the City of Laguna Woods General Plan is development of a self-sustaining community affording goods, services, housing, employment, and recreation opportunities appropriate to the needs of current and future residents. The General Plan will inform the public and decision makers about trade-offs that may be required in achieving a balance among land uses for a self-sustaining community consistent with the infrastructure and municipal service capabilities of the City.

As required by California Planning Law, this report has been prepared to summarize the status of the Laguna Woods General Plan and the progress in its implementation since adoption in 2002, including the City's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs.

2. Background

The City

The City of Laguna Woods was incorporated in March 1999 and encompasses approximately 2,100 acres of land. The City of Laguna Woods is located in south Orange County between the San Joaquin Foothills and the Santa Ana Mountains. The City is bordered on the north, east, and southeast by the City of Laguna Hills, on the northwest by the City of Irvine, on the west by unincorporated Orange County and the City of Laguna Beach, and on the south by the City of Aliso Viejo. The City has approximately 18,500 residents the majority of which live within the gated senior community of Leisure World. The City has five distinct commercial areas and several professional and administrative office developments. The City is substantially built out with little vacant land available for new or infill development. The majority of vacant lands within the City have been included in the Urban Activities Center (UAC) Specific Plan area for planning purposes. The Specific Plan has yet to be developed, but will consider land use, housing, traffic, infrastructure and fiscal balance.

General Plan Process

Preparation of the General Plan began with a series of community workshops held throughout the City in early 2001. Perspectives and issues presented to City staff by members of the community set the course for the future envisioned in the new General Plan. The General Plan Coordinating Committee, appointed by City Council, considered each draft component of the new General Plan and provided input at monthly meetings from February 2001 through June 2002. The City of Laguna Woods Community Services Commission provided input on the draft document at public meetings in March and August 2002. In September 2002, the City of Laguna Woods Planning Advisory Committee considered the draft General Plan and recommended that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report prepared in conjunction with the General Plan and adopt the General Plan. The City Council of the City of Laguna Woods held a public hearing on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the General Plan on September 18, 2002, and certified the EIR and adopted the City of Laguna Woods General Plan on October 16, 2002. The General Plan Housing Element was subsequently certified by the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development on April 7, 2003.

3. General Plan Amendments

Approved General Plan Amendments:

Since adoption of the City's General Plan in 2002, the City has processed one General Plan Amendment. General Plan Amendment GPA 03-01 included an update to the Housing Element to respond to comments from the State Department of Housing and Community Development that were necessary for housing element certification. In addition, the City, adopted Storm Water Quality Control implementation measures for the Land Use, Open Space and Conservation Elements along with minor text and graphic clarifications to the Open Space and Circulation Elements.

Proposed General Plan Amendments:

The City is currently processing General Plan Amendment GPA 05-01. The proposed GPA will result in approximately 3 acres Commercial Office use being re-designated as High Density Residential for the purpose of constructing 134 senior condominiums. The General Plan Amendment change from commercial to residential will support the General Plan Housing Element goals for promoting new housing. The new housing proposal, including 15 lower income affordable units, will help meet the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

4. Significant Projects and Program Approvals

Zoning Code Adoption: In April 2003, the City adopted a new zoning Code. Until the adoption of the Code the City had been utilizing the Orange County Zoning Code that was in place at the time of City incorporation. The new zoning code represents a combination of existing land use standards, land use ordinances adopted since incorporation and recently adopted State planning requirements. The Zoning Code continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community as issues and new land use practices arise.

NPDES Stormwater Program Adoption: In 2002 the Santa Ana and San Diego Regional Water Quality Boards adopted new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permits for Orange County. The City as a copermittee was required to develop a jurisdictional urban runoff management plan to implement the requirements of the new permits. In February 2003, the City adopted the Laguna Woods Stormwater Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to satisfy the permit requirements. The LIP is the program and policy document for the City's stormwater program. The LIP includes standards for municipal, residential and commercial compliance with and emphasis on education, new development, construction and code enforcement. The document continues to evolve to meet the changing need of the stormwater program and will be subject to review at the end of the permit term in 2007.

Quimby Ordinance Revisions: In early 2005, the City adopted revisions to the existing park fee ordinance and established new fees in lieu of dedication. The changes clarified the park fee dedication process and established a representative land value based on current real estate prices. In addition the new fee resolution established provisions, on a case by case basis, that would allow the City Council to establish a park fee credit for onsite improvements that lessen the need for public recreation and open space facilities. The park fee credit was limited to a maximum of 50% of the required dedication to ensure the funds are provided for citywide park and recreational improvements.

Woods End: In 2002, the City purchased 10 acres of land for the Woods End Wilderness Preserve. In 2004, the City completed the Woods End entry which serves as the primary public access to the park.

Taxi Voucher Program: In June 2002, the City implemented a taxi voucher program to provide alternative transportation for seniors 70 years and older or sixty (60) years or older under special circumstances. The program subsidizes the cost of a taxi trip by up to 60%. Special taxi vouchers for seniors are also available for trips to John Wayne Airport, the Orange County Performing Arts Center and the Irvine Transit Center.

Non Emergency Medical Taxi Voucher Program. In 2004 the City expanded the Taxi program to include non emergency medical taxi vouchers. The non-emergency medical vouchers are provided at reduced rates for residents 60 years and older requiring transportation anywhere in Orange County. In 2005, due to funding changes, the City developed a gap program to supplement South County Seniors' non emergency medical taxi program for those who qualify for OCTA Access service and need to travel over 15 miles from their home for medical appointments.

Capital Improvement Program: The following projects have been included in the City's Capital improvement plan since adoption of the General Plan:

#	PROJECT NAME	Status
1.	El Toro Road Multi-Modal Trail — Design and Engineering	Complete
2.	El Toro Road Rehabilitation — Moulton Pkwy to Avenida Sevilla	Complete
3.	El Toro Road Rehabilitation — Southwest City limit to Calle Sonora	Complete
4.	Moulton Pkwy Rehabilitation — Southerly City limit to Via Campo Verde	Complete
5.	Via Campo Verde Traffic Signal	Complete

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6.	Peralta Drive Traffic Signal (with City of Laguna Hills)	Complete
7.	Citywide Traffic Signal LEDs and Battery Backups	Complete
8.	Directional Signage	Complete
9.	Right-of-Way Boundary Analysis	Complete
10.	United Streetlight Replacement Project	Complete
11.	El Toro Road Landscape Improvements – Aliso Creek Road to Calle Sonora	Complete
12.	El Toro Road Sidewalk Widening & Median Reconstruction and Landscape – Moulton Parkway to Paseo de Valencia	Ongoing/ Underway
13.	El Toro/Moulton Left Turn Pocket & Sidewalk Construction	Complete
14.	El Toro Road Golf Cart Path	Underway
15.	City Hall Acquisition	Underway
16.	Moulton Parkway Widening/Smart Street Project	Underway
17.	Moulton Parkway Landscaping – South City limit to Via Campo Verde	Future
18.	Ridge Route Sidewalk & Landscape Project	Future
19.	El Toro Road/Paseo de Valencia Intersection Improvements	Underway
20.	El Toro Road/Aliso Creek Road Intersection Widening and Landscape Improvements	Underway
21.	El Toro Road Pavement Rehab – Calle Sonora to Moulton Parkway	Future
22.	El Toro Road Signal Interconnect	Underway
23.	Traffic Signal Master System	Underway
24.	GRF/Third Streetlight Replacement Project	Underway
25.	Private Streetlight Rewiring Project	Underway

City Map: In 2005 the City published a City map to provide residents with information on the locations of health services, local shops, businesses, places of worship, and recreational facilities.

City Hall Services: In April 2002, the Orange County Library established a mini branch in City Hall. The librarian is on site from 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday. Residents can request books and other library resources located in other branches and have them sent to the City Hall branch for checkout. In addition, City Hall houses satellite offices for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) and Assemblyman Chuck DeVore

Energy Grant Program: In 2003 the City through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) initiated the Energy Efficient Improvement Program. The program provides for the purchase and installation of additional

insulation, new dual pane windows with low "E" glass, doors, heat pumps, ceiling fans and other similar energy efficient improvements for qualified low income seniors who own their residential unit.

Energy Conservation Technical Assistance Program

The Energy Conservation Technical Assistance Program was implemented through the City's Building Department. Under this program, inspectors meet with interested residents to assess the energy efficiency of their residences and make recommendations for improvements to lower energy costs.

Community Services Grant Program: During Fiscal Year FY 00-01 the City initiated a program of Community Services grants to fund non-profit organizations providing programs or services to residents of Laguna Woods.

Household Hazardous Waste Program: In 2002 the City initiated a curbside Household Hazardous Waste pick up program. Under this program residents can obtain a box from City Hall to fill with household and automobile chemicals, pesticides, paint and more. The box is picked up at the residence and disposed off properly. In 2003 the program was expanded to include e-waste pickups. In addition to these programs, the City has funded a mail-in "Sharps" program for medical needles and maintains a battery drop-off at City Hall.

New Trash Franchise: In 2005 the City awarded a new trash franchise. The new service provider owns and operates a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). It is expected that with the new provider and the use of the MRF that waste diversion levels will increase and that the City will continue to exceed state goals for waste diversion.

Community Committees: The City has established a committee structure made up of residents to make recommendations to City Council on proposed projects and programs. City committees include the following:

Community Services Committee: There are 11 positions open with two year terms. This committee advises Council on issues involving beautification, arts and culture, city events, communications, the City's newsletter, social services, as well as other matters.

Human Relations Committee: There are 11 positions open with two year terms. This committee advises Council on issues involving human relations, including research, analysis and recommendations.

Planning Advisory Committee: There are 11 positions open with two year terms. This committee advises Council on issues involving planning, development, signage, ordinances and zoning.

Transportation Advisory Committee: There are 11 positions open with two year terms. This committee advises Council on issues involving traffic safety and transportation services. Included within the scope of the committee are matters pertaining to road and sidewalk improvements, bicycle and multipurpose trails, traffic control devices and public transportation programs.

Water Quality Advisory Committee: There are 11 positions open with two year terms. This committee advises staff and Council on water quality issues and helps to develop community education programs.

5. Implementation of General Plan Elements

To better assess the progress toward full implementation of the General Plan, the following section provides a detailed look at all the goals and policies established in each General Plan Element. Each goal and policy is assigned one of the following status designations: "Implemented," "Ongoing," "Partially Implemented," "started," "Not Yet implemented" or Abandoned." Brief comments regarding implementation are also provided to give a better assessment of the City's implementation status. The comments are not intended to be comprehensive, but provide examples of City efforts in implementing policies for the specific subject area.

Land Use Element

The Land Use Element serves as a guide to community leaders for deciding upon future development of the City. The Land Use Element is central to development of the other Elements of the General Plan. The subject matter of each of the General Plan Elements (e.g. Housing, Circulation, Open Space, etc.) is inextricably linked to the Land Use Element. The Land Use Element was originally adopted in 2002 and has been amended once in 2003 to add additional implementation measures.

Land Use Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Promote land uses that accommodate the diverse needs of City of Laguna Woods residents	
Policy I.A: Facilitate development of a variety of housing types that appeal to a broad spectrum of prospective new residents.	
I.A.1 Accommodate rezoning of properties consistent with Residential designations shown on the General Plan Land Use Map and with Housing Element goals for new dwelling unit construction.	Ongoing: The City is currently reviewing an application to rezone a commercial office property to multifamily residential. City staff continues to meet with developers interested in developing land within the City for residential purposes
I.A.2 Approve rezoning of Open Space land to non-residential use consistent with the General Plan Land Use Map only after sufficient land is zoned for Residential use consistent with Housing Element goals for new dwelling unit construction.	Implemented: The majority of previously zoned Open Space land within the City has been designated as Urban Activities Center specific plan. The specific plan has not yet been developed, but must be consistent with the General Plan Policies. The City has also specifically zoned property within the City to meet current RHNA allocations.
I.A.3 Adopt a Zoning Ordinance provision requiring that replacement, redevelopment, and/or relocation of any Leisure World Clubhouse facility will not result in a net loss of land area reserved and maintained for recreational uses.	Implemented: Section 18.20.120 (e) of the City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.

Land Use Element	Implementation Status
Policy IB: Actively participate with property owners and their representatives to expand the range of retail goods and services.	
I.B.1 Prepare a City marketing brochure to supplement broker and property owner offerings to prospective commercial tenants and prospective residents.	Ongoing: The City has prepared a City Map/ Guide to promote City services and businesses within the City. The City will continue to promote the City to new residents and businesses.
I.B.2 Adopt zoning ordinance procedures for site-specific parking studies reflecting demand based on existing or proposed commercial tenant mix.	Implemented: Section 18.30.600 of the City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.
I.B.3 Accommodate requests of property owners for zone changes consistent with land use designations on the General Plan Land Use Map.	Ongoing: The City is currently reviewing an application to rezone a commercial office property to multifamily residential use
Objective II: Enhance the value and desirability of properties.	
Policy IIA: Develop a strategy for promoting excellence in property maintenance and building design.	
II.A.1 Adopt Zoning Ordinance standards for design review that include architectural guidelines for new and renovated commercial projects.	Ongoing: The City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003. The City development standards continue to evolve to respond to changes in land use.
II.A.2 Include noise, view, light and glare, and traffic generation considerations in developing buffer zone requirements in the Zoning Ordinance to ensure compatibility of non-residential development with nearby residential uses.	Implemented: The City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003
II.A.3 Continue to implement the scenic highway provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.	Ongoing: There have been no revisions to the scenic highway provisions within the City. A review and clarification of the standards has been included in the work plan. For the next Zoning Ordinance revision
II.A.4 Continue to include maintenance and periodic upgrading of landscaped medians in the City's annual budget.	Implemented: Median maintenance is part of the current public works budget. Median upgrades have been included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan since 2002. Construction began in 2003 and is ongoing.
II.A.5 Continue the current Code Enforcement program including inspection and compliance provisions associated with the City's Stormwater Program.	Implemented: Land Use, Building Department and stormwater program compliance programs are ongoing.

Land Use Element	Implementation Status
II.A.6 Adopt a Zoning Ordinance provision requiring preparation of a Specific Plan for the "Urban Activities Center" designated on the Land Use Plan prior to approval of development on any of the subject parcels and including performance and development standards consistent with Section II.C.2, <i>Specific Plan Concept</i> .	Implemented: Section 18.20.500 of the City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.
II.A.7 Incorporate stormwater design considerations or Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plans (SUSMP's) and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP's), to the maximum extent practicable, in new development and significant redevelopment projects to improve water quality and ensure compliance with the City Local Implementation Plan (LIP).	Ongoing: New projects are reviewed for compliance with the City Stormwater Local Implementation Plan adopted in 2003 and Water Quality Ordinance adopted January 2003. Specific design considerations are addressed as part of the Water Quality Management Plan review.
Policy II.B: Monitor land use decisions and legislation of other units of government that may affect the quality and value of properties in the City of Laguna Woods.	
II.B.1 Actively participate as a City in area-wide and regional forums in opposing a commercial airport at the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro.	Implemented: The Great Park concept was approved for the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro. Land sold to private developer in early 2005
II.B.3 Work with nearby cities and special districts on issues of mutual benefit or interest.	Ongoing: The City has partnered with the City of Laguna Hills on several road improvement issues and continues to work with El Toro Water District on water and stormwater issues.
Objective III: Promote innovation in design and development of properties that reflects the unique needs of the City of Laguna Woods market.	
Policy III.A: Identify opportunities in new construction and re-use projects for optimizing accessibility for people with special needs.	
III.A.1 Consider adopting zoning and subdivision requirements for connecting sidewalks and multi-purpose trails between new and existing commercial, institutional and residential destinations.	Partially Implemented: The City has constructed a multipurpose trail linking existing commercial, institutional, and residential uses. Requirements have not yet been adopted as part of the Zoning and Subdivision Codes.
III.A.2 Consider adopting zoning ordinance standards for alternative modes of transportation in commercial, institutional, and multiple family residential developments.	Partially Implemented: The City has pursued golf cart linkages between existing commercial, institutional, and residential uses. Section 18.30.650 of the Zoning Code "Transportation Demand Management" includes provisions for alternative modes of transportation.

Land Use Element	Implementation Status
Objective IV: Maintain and enhance revenues to the City.	
Policy IV.A: Consider the fiscal impacts of land use decisions.	
IV.A.1 Require applicants for new uses, to be defined by project size or type, to submit fiscal impact analyses including projected revenues to the City and costs of municipal services.	Ongoing: The City is currently reviewing an application to change a commercial office property to multifamily residential. A fiscal analysis has been prepared for that project and is part of the standard review process for significant land use projects.

Housing Element

The Housing Element is intended to guide City decision-making through an action program including policies, procedures, and incentives for maintaining and expanding the housing supply in the City of Laguna Woods for all income groups. The Housing Element was prepared in concert with the other required elements of the General Plan. The Housing Element identifies specific actions that will be taken to implement the objectives and policies to ensure that there are adequate sites to achieve housing diversity, facilitate the development of affordable housing, improve the existing affordable housing stock and promote equal housing opportunity.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment

In accordance with State Housing law, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has prepared a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that quantifies the need for housing in each jurisdiction in the SCAG region. The RHNA provides estimates of existing and future housing needs. The 2005 Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) deadline has since been revised to coordinate with the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process. The new deadline for Housing Element Revisions is July 1, 2008.

The existing need is determined from information about current residents including the number of low-income families paying more than 30% of income for housing; future need is based on projected growth in the number of households and the number of units needed to maintain a target vacancy rate. Because the City of Laguna Woods was not incorporated at the time the Regional Housing Needs Assessment was prepared, no data for existing housing needs was provided by SCAG. The future housing need in the City of Laguna Woods was established at 113 new dwelling units that should be constructed by the year 2008 to accommodate residents at each of four income levels. The allocation for new construction units by income category is indicated in the following table:

Total Construction Need By Income 2003-2008

Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
20	15	25	53	113
18%	13%	22%	47%	100%

Source: Southern California Association of Governments

Since incorporation, no new residential units have been constructed and no residential units have been permanently lost. In rare cases, occupancy of individual existing units has been restricted on a temporary basis due to fire or other construction deficiencies. In no case have these units been lost or unable to be occupied once repairs have been completed.

As mentioned in the discussion on Active General Plan Amendments, the City is in the process of reviewing a request to construct 134 senior condominiums on a former commercial office site. As part of the project the applicant has been conditioned to provide the 15 lower income units identified in the RHNA allocation and will in addition exceed the number of new units for the above moderate category. The site identified in the Housing Element as capable of meeting the RHNA housing remains undeveloped at this time and the City continues to advance housing policy to meet the future RHNA numbers and the intent of the Housing Element policy. The following is a summary of the Housing element objectives, policies and implementation measures:

Housing Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Maintain and improve the existing housing stock.	
Policy I.A: Initiate all appropriate efforts to preserve existing housing.	
I.A.1 Establish an ad hoc panel comprised of representatives from the community, including non-profit organizations, residential builders, current residents, homeowner associations, and rental property owners as a means to implement the Housing Element's Objectives, Policies, and Implementation Measures. This panel will bring forth their own experience and knowledge of housing issues specific to Laguna Woods, and can provide guidance in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify needed housing improvements. Identify and coordinate applications for funding sources, including grant funds. Identify and assist non-profit housing organizations. 	Partially Implemented: The Planning Advisory Committee serves as the advisory committee for all planning related issues, including housing. Appointment process is open to the general public, including business owners and other interested parties. The Committee will be investigating establishing a Housing Subcommittee to address specific housing issues facing the city in the future.

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Housing Element	Implementation Status
I.A.2 As part of the annual budget process, identify and fulfill staffing needs to implement fiscal year housing improvement activities.	Implemented: Staff has been allocated to manage CDBG grant programs and monitor affordable housing issues.
I.A.3 Partner with property owners to identify and accomplish retrofitting of dwelling units and common facilities for handicapped accessibility. The City will participate at board meetings of the housing mutuals and the Golden Rain Foundation, the principal property owner in the City, to encourage retrofitting.	Ongoing: The City has issued Grants to partially support "Rebuilding Together" an organization that can help residents in need with upgrades. The City continues to work with the management of Leisure World to ensure handicapped accessibility compliance for common facilities.
I.A.4 Work to further promote on-going building maintenance activities. Such maintenance activities may include rehabilitation of units under private ownership, where the property owner seeks to provide affordable units. The City goal for such rehabilitation over the five-year planning period is established in table H-18. Identification of available funds can occur through the ad-hoc housing panel on an annual basis. Information related to funding sources will be available to the public through the Community Development Department and the public library located at City Hall.	Partially Implemented: The City promotes ongoing building maintenance through the enforcement of property maintenance standards contained within the Zoning Code and through enforcement of the California Building Code building maintenance standards. By the end of FY 05-06 a total of 110 units will have been upgraded through the City's CDBG program for retrofit heat pumps and windows for lower income households
I.A.5 Establish and implement a proactive code enforcement program, working with property owners and property managers to ensure appropriate maintenance of housing units.	Implemented: The City promotes ongoing building maintenance through the enforcement of property maintenance standards contained within the Zoning Code.
I.A.6 As part of the annual General Plan status review, provide a progress report on each applicable Implementation Measure.	Ongoing: In progress.
I.A.7 Adopt a property maintenance ordinance including standards for residential properties.	Implemented: Section 18.40.400 of the City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.
Objective II: Accommodate new housing for diverse needs.	
Policy II.A: Promote construction of units consistent with the new construction component of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.	
II.A.1 Rezone Parcel 1, "Potential Development Sites" in the Land Use Element, to High-Density Residential to accommodate construction of 113 new dwelling units.	Implemented: City of Laguna Woods Zoning Map adopted April 16, 2003.

Housing Element	Implementation Status
<p>II.A.2 Support non-profit organizations, identify developers of affordable housing utilizing a list provided by HCD and local contacts and inform these developers about development of affordable housing opportunities within the City. The City will act as a clearinghouse and intermediary between non-profit organizations and interested residential developers and assist in application preparation and other efforts to secure funding sources for development of housing for low and moderate income residents.</p>	<p>Ongoing: The City participates in the South Orange County Housing Coalition Meetings and continues to provide affordable housing information to any interested parties.</p>
<p>II.A.3 Encourage use of the City's density bonus provisions in the zoning ordinance. At the time a development application is submitted and reviewed for any residential project, it will be reviewed for General Plan (Housing Element) consistency. At this time, the Community Development staff will inform the applicants of any density bonus provisions applicable to the proposed project. Currently, 28 additional units can potentially be built as identified in Section "H. Housing Resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing: The City is currently processing a density bonus application as part of a senior condominium project. In compliance with SB-1818.</p>
<p>II.A.4 Revise the Zoning Ordinance to allow increased density and alternative development standards including reductions in required parking as additional incentives through the use permit approval process for affordable housing.</p>	<p>Implemented: The City adopted revised density bonus standards as part of Zone Text Amendment 04-01 which has since been superseded by SB1818.</p>
<p>II.A.5 In the preparation of the Laguna Woods development codes, the City will ensure provisions relating to zoning, development standards and permit processing will encourage and facilitate a variety of housing types, including multifamily rental housing, factory built housing, mobile homes, emergency shelters and transitional housing, for all persons and income levels.</p> <p>The City will apply zoning, development standards and permit processing to the identified lands (See Table H-24) to permit, encourage and facilitate its development for all persons and income levels, including lower income families.</p>	<p>Implemented: City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003</p>
<p>Objective III:</p> <p>Promote affordable housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community.</p>	
<p>Policy III.A: Recognize the leadership role in housing-related issues as a function of municipal government.</p>	
<p>III.A.1 Work with the County of Orange Housing Authority to secure Section 8 rental assistance for very low-income rental households, and inform local rental property owners and eligible residents of Section 8 assistance. An appropriate target is assistance to a minimum 28 units, consistent with the potential density bonus provisions for the site identified in Section H. Housing Resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing- The City distributes Section 8 rental assistance applications to the general public. Currently 41 residents in Laguna Woods receiving Section 8 rental assistance.</p>

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III.A.2 Take the lead in identifying alternatives for reducing the consumption and the cost of electrical energy for residential users in the City of Laguna Woods.	Ongoing City's CDBG program for retrofit heat pumps and windows for lower income households. City Staff has investigated a co-generation options within the City.
III.A.3 Serve as clearinghouse for fair housing rights and responsibilities, and seek to remedy known acts of discrimination within the community. This clearinghouse will be established in City Hall and will share information with the Orange County Library section that is also housed in City Hall. The City will also disseminate fair housing information throughout Laguna Woods in a variety of community places.	Ongoing: The City responds to inquires from the public and provides information and referrals.
III.A.4 Work with El Toro Redevelopment Planning Authority cities in promoting rehabilitation and reuse of military housing at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station to satisfy the housing needs of south County lower-income households and homeless people.	Ongoing: Currently, three City Council Members are on the board of the Great Park Foundation which looks at reuse issues including housing.
III.A.5 Participate in the County of Orange Consolidated Plan program and in the Continuum of Care to provide housing for special needs populations. Participation will include assigning a representative to participate in meetings and events sponsored by these programs. In addition, the <i>Resource Guide for Orange County Homeless</i> and other publications that support the program goals will be distributed from City Hall.	Ongoing: The City provides annual supports the programs and City allocation are provided directly to County of Orange. Support documentation for the program is maintained for referrals at City Hall.
Objective IV. Promote local organizations, and establish City programs that strengthen housing, transportation and physical accommodations to aid persons with disabilities.	
Policy IV. Maintain zoning/development standards that guide development of affordable housing near public transportation, and promote project designs that are accessible and accommodating to the disabled.	
IV.A.1 Establish plan review procedures that expedite the review and approval of residential unit modifications intended to improve mobility and accessibility.	Implemented- In most cases, simple mobility and accessibility modification are reviewed and approved over the counter. Alterations requiring structural modification have a 10 day turnaround for plan review.
IV.A.2 Establish a central location within City Hall to disseminate information about organizations and resources in south Orange County that will benefit the quality of life of residents with disabilities.	Implemented: The public counter within City Hall serves as an information and resources center with lots of information about city programs and resources.

Housing Element	Implementation Status
IV.A3 In the preparation of the Laguna Woods development codes, the City will ensure that provisions relating to zoning, processing and permit procedures, building inspection and fees and exactions will not constrain the development, maintenance and improvement of housing for persons with disabilities and where appropriate provide flexibility for the development of housing for persons with disabilities. In addition, the City will provide reasonable accommodation for housing intended for persons with disabilities.	Ongoing: City staff has worked the homeowners associations to remove accessibility barriers and comply with accessibility standards. Typical types of projects include accessible tubs and showers, handicapped lifts and revisions to curb cuts.

Circulation Element

The purpose of the Circulation Element is to guide development of the transportation system to support existing development and planned growth in response to community needs. The Circulation Element addresses the street and highway network, railroads, transit services, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the community. The Circulation Plan and supporting objectives, policies, and implementation measures are consistent with the land use and other provisions and standards of the City's General Plan.

Circulation Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Improve and expand transportation options within the City and to destinations outside the City.	
Policy I.A: Maintain and enhance an integrated vehicular circulation network to accommodate local needs and land uses.	
I.A.1 Monitor arterial roadways and intersections within the City with the goal of maintaining Level of Service (LOS) D on roadway segments and at intersections.	Ongoing: The City reviews intersection performance as part of regular public works function and as part of the CEQA project review for City and surrounding jurisdictions
I.A.2 The City shall develop a Traffic Impact Analysis Procedures Manual to guide the conduct of traffic studies. The Manual shall define procedures for analyzing proposed development traffic impacts on roadways both within and outside the City, for determining appropriate and effective mitigation measures, and for establishing procedures ensuring that new development pays at least its fair and proportionate share of required mitigation measures. The Manual shall identify the types and sizes of projects requiring a traffic impact analysis, and a process for preparing the analysis, including analysis methodologies, and development of significance criteria consistent with level of service performance criteria identified in the Circulation	Started: The process has started for the drafting, review and adoption of a City Traffic Impact Analysis Procedures Manual.

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<p>Element. The Manual shall also identify procedures for analyzing land development within the Urban Activities Center to ensure that overall trip generation totals identified in the General Plan are not exceeded, and that General Plan roadway standards continue to be met. The Manual shall include methods to ensure consistency with the requirements of the County of Orange Congestion Management Plan and the Growth Management Plan.</p>	
<p>I.A.3 Define on-site and off-site circulation infrastructure improvements necessary to mitigate impacts of new development.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Part of the specific project and environmental review.</p>
<p>I.A.4 Work with the Orange County Transportation Authority and the County of Orange in phased implementation of Master Plan of Arterial Highways to meet the particular needs of the City.</p>	<p>Ongoing: City continues to comply with MPAH implementation, a requirement to qualify for Measure M funds.</p>
<p>Policy I.B: Develop strong working relationships with management and staff of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Leisure World Transportation, South County Senior Services, and other appropriate agencies to highlight the transit needs of City of Laguna Woods residents, including the special needs of seniors, and to enhance and coordinate transit services in the City.</p>	
<p>I.B.1 Support the provision of safe and efficient intercity and intracity public transportation for residents and workers in the City of Laguna Woods.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Coordinate with Orange County Transportation Authority on a regular basis.</p>
<p>I.B.2 Encourage the use of public transportation.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Produce map/guide with information about private and public bus, taxi and other public transportation.</p>
<p>I.B.3 Explore funding sources for the operation, maintenance and improvement of local transit services, including bus shelter and transfer point amenities.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Obtained \$1.1 million in federal Transportation Enhancement Activity funds to provide for wider sidewalk/trail on El Toro Road, including bicycle racks, benches and a drinking fountain.</p>
<p>I.B.4 Increase staff involvement in oversight of fixed route bus and paratransit services.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Provide direct and regular input regarding proposed new or changed transit and paratransit services, including recent changes to OCTA ACCESS service.</p>
<p>I.B.5 Work with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Leisure World Transportation to coordinate bus service schedules to minimize wait time for fixed route service.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Leisure World Transportation services have full access to OCTA bus stops to facilitate transfers.</p>
<p>I.B.6 Promote future service extensions to popular destinations outside the City.</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p>

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I.B.7 Promote driver sensitivity training that extends to operation of wheelchair lifts and tiedowns, bus stop announcements, and understanding the needs of individuals with mobility impairments.	Ongoing: OCTA and Leisure World Transportation have regular driver sensitivity training sessions. City requires such driver training as part of contract with private operator of taxi voucher services.
I.B.8 Provide fixed route bus information in a format easily readable by seniors.	Ongoing: Produce map/guide with information in an easy-to-read format about private and public bus, taxi and other public transportation, and show major transit routes on the map.
I.B.9 Arrange training programs to provide on-site assistance to City of Laguna Woods residents to familiarize them with OCTA and Leisure World ridership options and traveling tips.	Ongoing: Assist residents to qualify for OCTA ACCESS service; cosponsor annual transportation fair that highlights the many transportation services and programs available to residents.
I.B.10 Require the dedication and improvement of rights-of-way for bus turnouts as a condition of development approval, when appropriate.	Ongoing: Included bus turnouts in Moulton Smart Street plans and required dedication of right of way by private property owners in connection with permit approvals.
I.B.11 Encourage maintenance of deep discounts for seniors using OCTA bus services and adoption of other inducements to use fixed route services, such as restaurant and merchant coupons.	Ongoing: Participate in Measure M reauthorization planning, including strong support for senior/disabled discounts for OCTA fixed route and ACCESS services, and senior taxi voucher and shuttle services.
I.B.12 Continually review the network of transit services to determine and encourage adoption of methods to increase ridership and respond to changing demands of the community.	Ongoing: Participated in South Orange County transit needs assessment conducted by OCTA and seeking funding for recommended new services as part of Measure M reauthorization effort.
I.B.13 Support the efforts of appropriate agencies to provide additional local and express bus services to the City of Laguna Woods, such as intercity rail station feeder service.	Ongoing: Participated in South Orange County transit needs assessment conducted by OCTA and seeking funding for recommended new rail and collector shuttle services as part of Measure M reauthorization effort.
I.B.14 Provide opportunities for residents to give input on current and future fixed route and para-transit services.	Ongoing: Formed City Transportation Advisory Committee to focus citizen input on transportation and traffic issues; Committee holds monthly, agendaized, public meetings.
Policy I.C: Coordinate the efforts of all transit service providers to plan for and implement a package of improved services for residents and workers.	
I.C.1 Coordinate with and support transit service providers as appropriate in developing and implementing plans for improving transportation services, coordination, and marketing.	Ongoing: Participated in senior transportation needs assessment and South Orange County transit needs assessment conducted by OCTA; seeking funding for recommended new services as part of Measure M reauthorization effort; produced City map/guide that provides extensive transportation service information and routes.

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I.C.2 Provide input for development of service schedules that minimizes wait time for transfers between Leisure World Transportation and OCTA fixed route bus services.	Ongoing:
I.C.3 Continue to implement a bus shelter program with comfortable and convenient amenities.	Ongoing: Establish bus shelters wherever possible to provide transit riders with amenities, including for transfers for Leisure World Transportation service.
Policy I.D: Explore opportunities to contract for new transit services based upon the needs of the community.	
I.D.1 Update the transit service needs of City of Laguna Woods residents on a regular basis to determine new destinations and changes in service demands.	Not Yet Implemented: Conducted transportation needs assessment in 2001; scheduled for update in 2006.
I.D.2 Devise transit services to meet changing community service needs.	Ongoing: Establish new services as funds become available, including Senior Mobility taxi voucher service and non-emergency medical transportation taxi voucher service.
I.D.3 Implement new services, as appropriate, based upon budget and operation considerations.	Ongoing: Establish new services as funds become available, including Senior Mobility taxi voucher service and non-emergency medical transportation taxi voucher service.
Objective II: Provide innovative alternatives for maintaining independence and mobility of residents.	
Policy II.A: Consider implementation of local demand response and shuttle service.	
II.A.1 Implement a demand responsive taxi voucher service to serve all residents.	Implemented: Established new services as funds became available, including Senior Mobility taxi voucher service and non-emergency medical transportation taxi voucher service.
II.A.2 Explore the feasibility of establishing a City operated or contracted shuttle service using rotating destinations and routes.	Not Yet Implemented: Considered but implemented taxi voucher services instead.
II.A.3 Accommodate and support innovative vehicles and services that meet the transit needs of the community while reducing air pollution and fossil fuel energy consumption as practicable.	Ongoing: Increased availability of trails for golf carts, many of which are now powered by electric batteries, and widened a major sidewalk along El Toro Road to provide for safer use of electric scooters and wheelchairs.
Policy II.B: Help residents understand transit services and options.	
II.B.1 Work with transportation service providers to develop clear, readable transit maps and guides.	Implemented: Produced map/guide with information in an easy-to-read format about private and public bus, taxi and other public transportation, and shows major transit routes.

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II.B.2 Publish improved transit rider information maps and guides.	Ongoing: Produced map/guide with information in an easy-to-read format about private and public bus, taxi and other public transportation, and show major transit routes on the map; distribute OCTA transit schedule information, including special, larger type schedules for fixed route service through Laguna Woods.
II.B.3 Post City transit maps at bus stops and transfer points throughout the City to help people travel throughout the County.	Not Yet Implemented: Produced map/guide with information in an easy-to-read format about private and public bus, taxi and other public transportation, and show major transit routes on the map; intend to include larger version in bus shelter map cases.
II.B.4 Distribute transit maps and guides throughout the City.	Ongoing: Produced map/guide with information in an easy-to-read format about private and public bus, taxi and other public transportation, and show major transit routes on the map; City map/guide and OCTA schedule book are available upon request.
II.B.5 Develop a Travel Training Program providing orientation on available transportation services and options.	Started: Worked with volunteers and Leisure World Transportation to provide on-site training for transit users.
II.B.6 Develop a Rider Information Hotline and Referral System that provides personalized, step-by-step instructions in the use of fixed route bus, train, demand response and other transportation services.	Started: Transit information is provided by contacting City Hall; coordinating with OCTA to improve information provided online on availability and how to use regional and local services.
Objective III: Maintain and improve existing circulation infrastructure.	
Policy III.A: Provide and maintain a bicycle circulation system that connects to adjacent jurisdictions consistent with the regional bicycle network.	
III.A.1 Provide Class II on-street bicycle lanes on arterial roadways consistent with the County of Orange Commuter Bicycle Plan.	Ongoing: Class II bike trails consistent with the County of Orange Commuter Bicycle Plan are included in plans for Moulton Smart Street project to be constructed starting in 2007.
III.A.2 Investigate the feasibility of including a Class I bicycle path as part of a multi-purpose trail along the south side of El Toro Road between Calle Sonora and Paseo de Valencia.	Implemented: Class I trail included as part of multi-modal sidewalk/trail along El Toro Road, from Moulton Parkway to Paseo de Valencia.
Policy III.B: Accommodate the unique needs of residents in the design and construction of pedestrian facilities.	

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III.B.1 Construct sidewalks of adequate width along El Toro Road between Moulton Parkway and Paseo de Valencia, possibly as part of a multi-purpose trail, and along Moulton Parkway between El Toro Road and Calle Aragon.	Implemented: Fourteen foot wide sidewalk, narrowed to ten feet at or near intersections, has been constructed on El Toro Road from just east of Moulton Parkway to Paseo de Valencia.
III.B.2 Determine the feasibility of providing secured, direct pedestrian and alternative vehicle access between residential communities and commercial and institutional uses.	Ongoing: Provide four golf cart crossings and plan to increase to six crossings within the next year; coordinated with Leisure World on possible establishment of gates between the Leisure World community and commercial or institutional land uses, but found liability issues posed an insurmountable obstacle.
III.B.3 Maintain adequate time intervals for the pedestrian crosswalk phase at signalized street intersections.	Implemented: Installed count-down pedestrian signals at all signalized intersections and maintained crosswalk timing to ensure safe pedestrian crossings.
III.B.4 Consider enhancements for crosswalks such as easy to operate crosswalk buttons, audio warning indicators, and curb cuts at key signalized street intersections near commercial areas and Leisure World gates.	Implemented: Installed count-down pedestrian signals and touch-buttons at all signalized intersections, and audio warning equipment at two signalized intersections on a trial basis; and modified curb ramps as needed.
Policy III.C: Maintain and enhance infrastructure to promote alternative vehicle access where feasible.	
III.C.1 Determine the feasibility of including alternative vehicle access to a multi-purpose trail along the south side of El Toro Road between Calle Sonora and Paseo de Valencia.	Ongoing: Approved new golf cart trail on El Toro Road near the Lutheran Church and St. Nicholas Church to extend access with legal golf cart crossings to these institutional uses and an adjacent commercial center from most anywhere inside the City, including the area south and west of Calle Sonora.
III.C.2 Investigate the feasibility of developing secure, direct access points for alternative vehicles between residential communities and commercial and institutional uses.	Ongoing: Provide four golf cart crossings and plan to increase to six crossings within the next year; coordinated with Leisure World on possible establishment of gates between the Leisure World community and commercial or institutional land uses, but found liability issues posed an insurmountable obstacle.
III.C.3 Work with the City of Laguna Hills to determine the feasibility of providing off-street alternative vehicles connections to the Laguna Hills Mall and Saddleback Medical Center.	Ongoing: Met with Laguna Hills officials and representatives of the Laguna Hills Mall and Saddleback Medical Center to discuss issues related to establishing a golf cart crossing at Leisure World Gate 2 and Paseo de Valencia, requiring Laguna Hills City Council approval. Liability issues raised by Laguna Hills Mall pose the greatest obstacle to overcome.
III.C.4 Provide alternative vehicles parking areas at key commercial locations, churches, and main transit stops, where feasible.	Partially Implemented: Golf cart parking areas are currently provided at Towne Center, near the Leisure World Community Center; golf cart parking spaces are being considered adjacent to City Hall.

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III.C.5 Consider adopting zoning and subdivision requirements for connecting alternative vehicle trails between new and existing commercial, institutional, and residential destinations.	Not Yet Implemented:
III.C.6 Consider adopting zoning ordinance standards for accommodating alternative vehicles in commercial, institutional, and multiple family residential developments.	Partially Implemented: The City has adopted zoning provision that recognized golf cart use in certain land use parking standard.
Objective IV: Identify potential impacts on the City of Laguna Woods of land use and transportation decisions of other governmental entities.	
Policy IV.A: Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions and with agencies responsible for projects affecting the City of Laguna Woods.	
IV.A.1 Participate with the County of Orange, the Orange County Transportation Authority, Transportation Corridor Agencies, and the Southern California Association of Governments to represent the City's position and to facilitate implementation of an integrated circulation system that meets the needs of the City of Laguna Woods.	Ongoing
IV.A.2 Monitor local development activity and transportation improvements in adjacent jurisdictions as well as regional transportation projects to determine benefits and impacts to the City.	Ongoing
IV.A.3 Continue working with the El Toro Reuse Planning Authority in supporting development of the former Marine Corps Air Station that is compatible with the land use objectives of the City	Implemented: The former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station has been annexed into the City of Irvine and the property will be developed as the Orange County Great Park surrounded by mixed use development.

Conservation Element

The Conservation Element sets forth a strategy for the protection, conservation, and management of natural resources including water, soils, wildlife, and minerals to the extent possible at the local level. For an urbanized area such as the City of Laguna Woods, the scope of the Conservation Element has been modified to include air quality, water quality energy conservation and waste management issues.

Conservation Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Preserve and enhance the environment.	

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Policy I.A: Protect existing riparian and wildlife habitats.	
I.A.1 Revise the Zoning Ordinance as required to preclude establishment of land uses and construction of buildings within the flood plain of Aliso Creek that would disturb its natural state.	Implemented: The City of Laguna Woods Zoning Map adopted April 16, 2003. The Aliso Creek Corridor is zoned as an Open Space Passive District which is the most restrictive district in relation to construction of permanent structures.
I.A.2 Work with the Orange County Flood Control District to employ flood control devices that will maintain Aliso Creek and its flood plain in a natural state.	Ongoing: The City continues to work with other cities, Orange County and the Flood Control District in the watershed management of Aliso Creek. Included in the management objectives are flood control and creek restoration.
I.A.3 Revise the Zoning Ordinance to require preservation of wildlife and riparian habitats.	Partially Implemented: While not a part of the Zoning Code, the stormwater LIP has provision in it to address preservation of riparian areas for hydrologic purposes. An added benefit is preservation of wildlife and riparian habitats.
Policy I.B: Cooperate with other cities, governmental units, and private organizations in protecting natural resources of area-wide or regional significance.	
I.B.1 Enlist the participation of neighboring cities in developing a strategy for ensuring that the Laguna Laurel property is preserved as permanent open space and wildlife habitat.	Implemented: Two Council members are on the board on the Laguna Canyon Foundation which has worked with the property owners to preserve the Laguna Laurel property. A conservation easement has been established to preserve the property as open space.
I.B.2 Evaluate the feasibility of annexing the Laguna Laurel property into the City of Laguna Woods.	Ongoing: The City continues to monitor the status of the Laguna Laurel property and pursue efforts to add the property to the City's sphere of influence.
I.B.3 Actively participate with other cities, governmental entities, and organizations to establish a wildlife corridor from the mountains to the ocean, including the former Marine Corps Air Station – El Toro.	Ongoing: Council members are on the Boards of the Laguna Canyon and Great Park Foundations which are integral in the establishing the wildlife corridor including the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro.
I.B.4 Revise the Zoning Ordinance to retain the Southern California Edison right-of-way at the southwesterly boundaries of the City as open space and include prohibitions on commercial uses of open space.	Implemented: The City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.
I.B.5 Encourage efforts to conserve water as a resource and reduce non-stormwater and pollution from entering the storm drain system and downstream receiving waters.	Ongoing: The City has established a Water Quality Advisory Committee to look at water quality and conservation issues in the City.

Conservation Element	Implementation Status
Objective II:	
Reduce air pollution	
Policy II.A Cooperate with governmental agencies at the local, County, and State level in attaining established goals for air quality.	
II.A.1 Adopt Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance provisions requiring that new development and reuse projects accommodate and promote transportation alternatives to the private automobile.	Implemented: Section 18.30.650 of the Zoning Code "Transportation Demand Management" includes provisions for alternative modes of transportation.
II.A.2 Work with local bus service providers to increase ridership by accommodating construction of bus turnouts, transfer stations, and bus shelters.	Implemented: The City has contracted for the installation of new bus shelters Citywide and continues to incorporate bus facilities into public works projects.
II.A.3 Actively participate with bus service providers to make bus travel convenient and user-friendly through installation of readily visible identification signs at bus stops and transfer stations, publication and dissemination of understandable schedules, and operation of a passenger help line.	Ongoing: The City continues to work with OCTA on local ridership issues and makes bus schedules available at City Hall
II.A.4 Implement mitigation measures in the Air Quality Management Plan of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.	Ongoing: The City continues to implement Air Quality Management Plan mitigation measures as part of new grading permit operations and as CEQA mitigation on new projects.
Objective III:	
Reduce water pollution.	
Policy III.A Cooperate with governmental agencies at the local, County, and State level in attaining established goals for surface and receiving water quality.	
III.A.1 Actively participate with surrounding cities and resource agencies in developing and implementing watershed studies and management plans to reduce pollutant levels in Aliso Creek.	Ongoing: The City is a member of the Aliso Creek Watershed Management Committee and a cost share partner in the water quality and compliance efforts associated with the 13225 Directive issued from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.
III.A.2 Enforce provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System to reduce pollutant run-off into natural and storm drain systems.	Ongoing: The City Stormwater Local Implementation Plan and Water Quality Ordinance adopted 2003.
III.A.3 Develop and implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) as specified by the City Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, non-stormwater runoff and pollution from entering Aliso Creek, the Laguna Lakes and other sensitive receiving waters.	Ongoing: City Stormwater Local Implementation Plan adopted in 2003 and Laguna Lakes BMP fact sheet developed in 2004.

Conservation Element	Implementation Status
III.A.4 Actively participate and pursue educational opportunities to inform City residents and businesses about stormwater and water quality issues.	Ongoing: Education is an essential component of the Stormwater Local Implementation Plan compliance commitment and the City continues to pursue educational opportunities at City Hall and through the code enforcement and inspection program.
Objective IV:	
Encourage energy conservation and promote alternative sources of energy.	
Policy IV.A Identify opportunities available at the local level for reducing consumption of non-renewable energy resources.	
IV.A.1 Pursue funding for local energy conservation education programs.	Ongoing: The City continues to apply for CDBG money to implement the Energy Grant Program.
Policy IV.B Identify opportunities for securing a reliable supply of energy at reasonable cost.	
IV.B.1 Consider alternative electric power sources and their respective costs to determine the feasibility of localized generation.	Partially implemented: The City has done some initial research into local cogeneration; however, the specific proposal does not appear to be financially feasible at this time.
IV.B.2 Pursue funding for developing alternative energy sources.	Ongoing: City staff continues to monitor funding Opportunities
Objective V:	
Reduce the amount of solid waste being sent to landfills.	
Policy V.A Promote solid waste recycling so as to exceed source reduction and recovery requirements mandated by Assembly Bill 939.	
V.A.1 Provide information on recycling programs to residents and businesses on a regular basis.	Implemented: the City provides information at City Hall, on the City website and through the quarterly newsletter.
V.A.2 Work with waste hauling operators to ensure compliance with local requirements for state-mandated waste reduction.	Ongoing: The City's current waste reduction is 56%. In 2005, the City issued a new trash franchise to a provider that operates a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and the City's future diversion rates are expected to go higher.
V.A.3 Work with solid waste generators to reduce waste at the source and to increase recovery of recyclable materials.	Ongoing: The City works with the Leisure World HOA to increase recycling efforts. The City conditions new developments to minimize and reduce construction waste.
V.A.4 Provide adequate means and opportunities for collection and disposal of household hazardous materials.	Ongoing: The City currently operates a curbside household hazardous waster collection program and provides the locations of regional collection centers.

Open Space Element

Open Space is defined as: lands for the preservation of natural resources; lands for the managed production of resources; lands for outdoor recreation; and lands for public health and safety. The City of Laguna Woods Open Space Element provides for maintenance of lands for scenic beauty and wildlife habitat to meet the needs of the community.

Open space Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Provide access to recreational opportunities for the unique population of the City of Laguna Woods.	
Policy I.A: As part of the annual budget adoption process, identify City funding and staffing available for recreation programs.	
I.A.1 Work with staff of each of the residential communities in the City of Laguna Woods to develop programs for pooling resources to meet recreational needs of residents.	Ongoing: The City and residential communities within the City often share meeting and recreational facilities for facilities for various residential programs.
I.A.2 Coordinate with surrounding cities, the County of Orange, and with public and private Not-for-Profit organizations to expand affordable recreation and cultural opportunities for residents.	Ongoing: In past the City has subsidized beach park passes, tickets for the Laguna Playhouse shows and continues to provide subsidized bus trips to various destination cultural or recreational interest. These program are ongoing subject to available budget.
I.A.3 Organize annual City events to bring people together as residents of the City of Laguna Woods.	Implemented: The City through the Community Services and Human Relations subcommittees sponsors several events and tours each year.
Objective II: Include recreation and open space needs of the community in planning for development of currently undeveloped properties.	
Policy II.A. Actively pursue opportunities for additional local and regional public open space appropriate to the needs of the community.	
II.A.1 Consider adopting a parkland dedication ordinance and in-lieu fee ordinance applicable to new commercial development, and to new residential development not subject to the City's Quimby Act Ordinance.	Implemented: Ordinance 05-01 adopted January 2005 and Park Fee Resolution adopted February 2005.
II.A.2 Actively support the development of a regional park and cultural and recreation facilities at the former Marine Corps Air Station – El Toro.	Implemented: The Great Park concept was approved for the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro. The land was sold to private developer in early 2005 as the first step to development.

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II.A.3 Identify the long-term need for municipal facilities including those for recreation uses.	Ongoing: The City is in the process of purchasing our City Hall and has a capital improvement plan for new and existing parks.
II.A.4 Work with the Laguna Canyon Foundation to include the Laguna Laurel and "Rossmoor Partners" properties as part of the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.	Ongoing: The City has acquired the former Rossmoor Partners property and developed the Woods End Wilderness Park intended for future incorporation into the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park
II.A.5 Adopt zoning ordinance provisions to protect and preserve the wildlife habitats on portions of the 45-acre Southern California Edison right-of-way, on the 23-acre property between Via Campo Verde and the Aliso Viejo golf course, and on the 10-acre Woods End Nature Reserve property at El Toro Road at the terminus of Aliso Creek Road.	Partially Implemented: The City of Laguna Woods Zoning Map adopted April 16, 2003 designates the SCE right of way and Woods End Wilderness Park and passive open space. The 23 acre parcel is part of the UAC Apecific Plan area which has yet to be developed.
II.A.6 Adopt zoning ordinance definitions for permissible uses in Open Space zones.	Implemented: The City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.
II.A.7 Adopt zoning ordinance provisions requiring that replacement, redevelopment, and/or relocation of any Leisure World Clubhouse facility not result in a net loss of land area reserved and maintained for recreational uses.	Implemented: Section 18.20.120 (e) of the City of Laguna Woods Zoning Code adopted April 16, 2003.
II.A.8. Encourage the inclusion of unpaved open space areas and recreational amenities within new developments, both public and private.	Ongoing: New projects are reviewed for compliance with the City Stormwater Local Implementation Plan. The inclusion of unpaved open space areas and recreational amenities are considered a standard Best Management Practice for reducing site runoff.
II.A.9. Encourage the creation, acquisition and protection of open space lands (environmentally sensitive areas, riparian corridors, wetlands, and buffer zones, etc.) that have a benefit for habitat, recreation, water quality, and the environment.	Ongoing: The Woods End Wilderness Park acquisition is an example of this policy and the City continues to look for opportunities to provide public open spaces and protect sensitive habitats.
II.A.10. Encourage use of stormwater management principles and the location of compatible water quality treatment control projects on open space lands.	Ongoing: New projects are reviewed for compliance with the City Stormwater Local Implementation Plan.

Noise Element

The development of effective strategies to reduce impacts of excessive noise is an essential part of the land use planning process. The Noise Element requires that noise sources be considered in establishing land use patterns so as to minimize exposure of residents to excessive noise. The noise element includes implementation measures and possible solutions that address any existing and foreseeable noise problems. It is intended that the noise exposure information incorporated in the General Plan will serve as a basis for long-range planning and project review process. It is also

intended that noise exposure information be used to provide levels and noise source identification for use in the development and enforcement of the City Noise Ordinance.

Noise Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Protect, to the extent feasible, sensitive noise receptors from the detrimental effects of excessive noise.	
Policy I.A: Use noise mitigation measures to reduce the impact from transportation noise sources.	
I.A.1 Request the inclusion of sound walls, earthen berms, or other acoustical barriers as part of any Caltrans, OCTA or City roadway project, where transportation noise exceeds acceptable standards.	Ongoing: Sound impacts and potential mitigation measures are considered as a part of the CEQA review for roadway projects. The City continues to pursue grants for roadway projects including noise mitigation.
I.A.2. Participate in the planning and environmental review process for any road widenings or road extensions to ensure that appropriate noise mitigation measures are included in the design of the project.	Ongoing: The City participates in the review of regional projects that pass through our City such as the Moulton Smart Street program and initiates CEQA reviews for City sponsored roadway projects.
I.A.3. Investigate funding opportunities to reduce transportation noise impacts on residential areas that are presently exposed to noise levels exceeding the City's noise standards.	Ongoing: The City continues to monitor grants and other funding opportunities.
I.A.4. Request added enforcement of the State's Vehicle Code Noise Standards by the Sheriff's Department.	Implemented: On an as needed basis, the City has increase the police presence for traffic patrol on the two major arterials within the City. In addition to speed control officers enforce vehicle code standards for noise.
I.A.5. Minimize risks and noise impacts resulting from aircraft operations by opposing reuse of MCAS—El Toro for commercial or general aviation air operations and participating in and monitoring the planning process for reuse at MCAS—El Toro.	Implemented: The Great Park concept was approved for the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro. The land was sold to a private developer in early 2005 as the first step toward park development.
Objective II: Recognize the potential effects of noise early in the land use planning process to minimize or avoid detrimental impacts.	
Policy II.B: Incorporate noise considerations into land use planning decisions.	
II.B.1 Review proposed projects to ensure noise/land use compatibility (Table N-1) with the projected noise environment as a guide for future planning and development.	Ongoing: Projects and their related noise issues are reviewed as part of the CEQA process. The General Plan noise/land use compatibility standards (table 1) serve as a guide for assessing potential noise impacts and the need for mitigation measures. Additional noise studies may be required depending on the potential for a negative impact to existing or proposed land uses.

II.B.2. Utilize planning guidelines that establish acceptable noise standards for various land uses throughout the City, as indicated in Table N-2.	Ongoing: The Planning Guidelines in Table 2 serve as a tool to assess potential noise impacts and the need for noise mitigation measures. Additional noise studies may be required depending on the potential for a negative impact to existing or proposed land uses.
II.B.3. Require new residential developments located in proximity to existing roadways and commercial operations to control residential interior noise levels as a condition of approval through mitigation measures such as double-paned windows, noise walls and barriers, etc.	Ongoing: The standard conditions of approval for new residential projects require an acoustical report that demonstrates that new residential units meet City interior and exterior noise standards and are sound attenuated against present and projected noise levels, including roadway, aircraft, helicopter and railroad noise sources.
II.B.4. Design mixed-use structures to prevent transfer of noise from commercial to residential uses.	Not Yet Implemented: The City has yet to receive an application for a mixed use project for which the implementation measure would apply
II.B.5. Require new commercial operations located in proximity to existing or proposed residential areas to incorporate noise mitigation into the project's design.	Not Yet Implemented: The City has yet to receive an application for a new commercial project adjacent to residential areas. Noise mitigation is part of the standard project conditioning and CEQA review.
Objective III: Control non-transportation noise to avoid exposure to excessive noise levels.	
Policy III.C: Utilize measures to regulate non-transportation noise impacts	
III.C.1. Adopt and enforce a Noise Ordinance for the City of Laguna Woods.	Ongoing: The City adopted the noise regulation from the County of Orange upon incorporation. The City enforces those standards through the code enforcement program.
III.C.2. Enforce restrictions on permitted hours of construction activity included in the Noise Ordinance.	Ongoing: The City enforces construction noise restrictions through the code enforcement program. In addition, restrictions on hours of construction are included as standard conditions of approval in the land use entitlement process for discretionary permits.
III.C.3. Develop standardized conditions at the project level for the containment of construction noise (e.g., on-site vehicle speeds and vehicle equipment).	Implemented: The City incorporates construction noise restrictions as CEQA mitigation or as conditions of approval for individual development projects.

Safety Element

The Safety Element identifies forces of nature and events resulting from human action that have the potential for causing significant harm to life and property in the City of Laguna Woods. Identification of sources of such threats allows decision makers to take preemptory action to minimize the damage, particularly as it relates to new development projects. In addition to state-mandated components, the Safety Element recognizes a heightened awareness of personal safety issues among many in the City of

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Laguna Woods community. In response to participants' comments in Community Workshops, the Safety Element includes consideration of personal safety and emergency medical service issues.

Safety Element	Implementation Status
Objective I: Maintain and enhance the existing sense of security of residents.	
Policy I.A Provide the highest levels of police, fire and paramedic services as are available and fiscally feasible.	
I.A.1 Review on an annual basis police, fire, and emergency medical response times in the City of Laguna Woods to ensure that they meet or exceed industry standards.	Ongoing: Police services are provided by the Orange County Sheriff; response times were reviewed at a City Council meeting in August 2005, and a plan was identified to improve response time. Fire services are provided by the Orange County Fire Authority; the City has a Councilmember on the Authority's Board of Directors and response times are reviewed annually by the Board.
I.A.2 Work with adjoining cities to achieve economies of scale in deployment of Sheriff's patrol and detective units.	Ongoing: The City currently contracts with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for Police Services. Through this contract, the City shares resources with the Cities of Laguna Hills and Aliso Viejo.
I.A.3 Work with the Orange County Sheriff's Department in offering crime prevention and reporting programs including Neighborhood Watch to residents and businesses.	Ongoing: The City continues to work with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to provide educational outreach. Program topics to date include identity theft, preventing fraud and safe driver education
Objective II: Plan for the unique personal safety concerns within the community.	
Policy II.A Consider providing technical and organizational support for seniors' programs promoting a safe and secure environment for independent living.	
II.A.1 Consider programs such as an information and referral hotline and low-cost emergency alert systems for individuals.	Partially Implemented: There is City Hall access to a local cable channel that can be used for emergency notification. In addition, the City is requesting funding through the Urban Area Security Initiative grant process for a telephone alert system.
II.A.2 Involve the Orange County Fire Authority with the community in educational programs about emergency medical response including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training.	Ongoing: OCFA provides a variety of educational programs in facilities within the City. In addition, educational material is provided at City Hall and on the City's website.

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<p>II.A.3 Consider joint ventures with other organizations to provide social services to residents.</p>	<p>Ongoing: The City provides a variety of social service programs in conjunction with other agencies. An example is the City's subsidized taxi voucher program, funded in part by OCTA and the County of Orange. In addition, the City provides funding assistance to not-for-profit organizations that provide services for residents.</p>
<p>Objective III. Prepare for disasters including earthquakes and flooding.</p>	
<p>Policy III.A. City government will assume the leadership role in preparation for and response to disasters at the local level.</p>	
<p>III.A.1 Prepare an Emergency Operations Plan including provisions for setting up an Emergency Operations Center.</p>	<p>Partially Implemented: The City has established an emergency operations center at City Hall and conducts annual drills. Work on the Emergency Operations Plan is underway.</p>
<p>III.A.2 Arrange mutual aid pacts for disaster recovery services including building and infrastructure damage assessment.</p>	<p>Implemented: The City has signed mutual aid agreements through the operational area and neighboring communities.</p>
<p>III.A.3 Inform residents and businesses about disaster preparedness and response at the local level.</p>	<p>Ongoing: The City has prepared a number of disaster preparedness brochures and has posted articles on its website.</p>
<p>III.A.4 Inform property owners of the availability of maps showing local areas particularly susceptible to seismic and flooding hazards.</p>	<p>Ongoing: The City has adopted a flood control ordinance and participates in the FEMA flood insurance program. Flood insurance rate maps and maps of seismic and landslide potential within the City are maintained by the City. This information is provided to the public upon request. The City also participates in the Strong Motion Instrumentation and Seismic Hazard Mapping program by collecting standards fees prescribed by the State.</p>
<p>III.A.5 Work with property owners in identifying measures to mitigate potential property damage from seismic and flooding hazards.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Through the enforcement of local building codes the City promotes seismic safety in new construction and redevelopment. Efforts include an ongoing dialog and building department policy regarding seismic strapping of water heaters and similar equipment.</p>
<p>Objective IV. Address transportation-related safety concerns.</p>	
<p>Policy IV.A Identify hazards related to vehicular use and take appropriate corrective actions.</p>	
<p>IV.A.1 Work with the Sheriff's Department to identify roadway segments and intersections with higher than expected accident rates and implement appropriate preventive measures including radar-assisted speed</p>	<p>Ongoing The City has pursued directed enforcement of sections of El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway to and installed red light cameras on two high priority intersection to address traffic safety issues.</p>

enforcement and vehicle speed display boards.	
IV.A.2 Disseminate pertinent California Vehicle Code regulations including drivers' licensing requirements and restrictions on uses of alternative modes of transportation on public streets.	Ongoing: The City Sponsor periodic traffic and safety fairs and is working with ACSC to implement its "Carfit" program.
IV.A.3 Work with the Sheriff's Department and community organizations in providing refresher courses for senior drivers.	Ongoing: The City provides literature and referrals to organizations providing these services. In addition, traffic safety is included in the public safety lecture series.

6. Summary

The City of Laguna Woods has accomplished a lot since incorporation in 1999. The adoption of the General Plan highlighted the autonomy of the City and shaped the goals and objectives for the future. The implementation measures can be characterized in two basic groups. The first group consists of goal specific benchmarks such as adoption of specific codes, developing guidelines or implementing capital improvements. The other group is ongoing programmatic implementation measures that shape day to day city decisions which are ongoing and never truly complete. Examples of this type of implementation measure include actions such as promoting good land use practices, educating the public on various issues and pursuing and promoting support services. As shown in the report, the City has worked diligently to implement the General Plan objectives and policies by working through the implementation measures. The General Plan establishes 26 Objectives and 37 Policies which are implemented through the execution of 146 implementation measures. Thirty-six (36) implementation measures have been fully implemented. These would be typically associated with benchmark type actions. Ninety-one (91) have been classified as "ongoing" which is typical of programmatic type implementation measures. Ten (10) implementation measures have been "Partially Implemented," three (3) have been "Started" and six (6) are "Not Yet implemented." No objectives, policies or implementation measures have been "Abandoned," at this time. Because most of the General Plan Policies and Implementation Measure are "Ongoing," all City Departments will continue to actively pursue them in day to day City activities and decision making. Policies and Implementation Measures that are "Partially Implemented," or "Not Yet implemented will require additional review by City staff and will be evaluated in the context of the current and up coming work plan and will be reported on in future annual reports.